Salem Steel Plant

3776. SHRI ALADI ARUNA *alias* V. ARUNACHALAM. Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state:

(a) what was the record production and profit of the Salem Steel Plant in the last three years; and

(b) by when the expansion scheme of the plant is likely to be implemented?

THE MINISTER OF STEEL AND MINES (SHRI M. L. FOTEDAR): (a) The production and profit of Salem Steel Plant for the last three years is as under:—

	Production (Tonnes)	Profit (Rs. crores)
1984-85	17,127	0 53
1985-86	24,373	2 91
1986-87	26,627	2.92

(b) The proposal for expansion of Salem Steel Plant to double its capacity through installation of the 2nd Sendzimir Mill and associated, facilities is under the examination and as such, no date can be indicated for its implemenation.

Supply of Aluminium Phosphide by M/s. Excel Industries Limited

3777. SHRI ALADI ARUNA *alias* V. ARUNACHALAM: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Excel Industries Limited are not supplying Aluminium Phosphide even to the organisation which has been exclusively recommended and issued NOC in their favour by the State Government;

(b) whether it is also a fact that M/s. Saraswati Agencies, a Delhi based organisation, have been illegally supplied Aluminium Phosphide by the company named above worth several crores of rupees during the last one year; if so, what are the details thereof and under what norms, criteria, the materials have been supplied by the company to M/s. Saraswati Agencies and the names of the parties, their addresses, alongwith quantity to whom Saraswati Agencies, New Delhi further sold the materials; and

(c) how much quantity of Aluminium Phosphide the companys Delhi zonal office have supplied to different States, state-wise, during the last one year and through which distributors/ stockists along with thir names and addresses and quantity supplied to each distributor during this period as on date?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI YOGENDRA MAKWANA): (a) This Ministry have not received any information about the non-supply of Aluminium Phosphide by M/s. Excel Industries Limited to the concerned organisations. However, it is relevant to mention that the State Governments are not required to issue NOC (No Objection Certificate) to any organisation.

(b) and (c) No such information has come to the notice of the Government Now that the Honourable Member of Parliament has brought this fact to the notice, the matter has been referred to he Government of Maharashtra. Under the Insecticides Act. 1968, the State Governments are fully empowered to take action against the offenders of the Law. In this case, if, on investigation, the Governmnt of Maharashtra find that M/s. Excel Industries Limited have violated any law or order, suitable action can be taken by them.